CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER KESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Water Kates charged by DDA

628. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Development Authority pro pone to charge water rates from the residents of its colonies squaring to these of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi based on actual meter reading instead of the earlier pract'ce of charging flat rates;

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVE LOPMENr WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WA TER RESOURCES (SHRI P K. THUNGON); (a) The Delhi Develop ment Authority has decided to levy water charges from the residents of its colonies at the same rates as is being charged by Delhi Water Supply and Sewerage Disposal Undertaking of M.C.D.

(b) (i) For metered connections water consumption rates|schedule of rates applicable in the D.W.S. & S.DU. of M.C.D. are applicable in D.D.A.

(ii) For unmetered domestic connection or for connectlions where the meters are found to be out of order, flat rate consmption charges is applicable.

(iii) Boosting charges are recoverable in such colonies/pockets where boosting installations have been installed on the distribution system.

Rampant Corruption in DDA 629. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the news report appearing in the daiy "The Hindustan Times", New Delhi, on the 7th April, 1993 under caption. This is Delhi clerk is monarch of all the surveys highlighting the rampant corruption in DDA;

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government in this regard; and

(c) what action Government propose to take to remove corruption in DDA?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WA TER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The following steps have been taken by DDA to minimise corruption.

(1). The Vigilance Depart ment has been specially instruc ted to expedite action against corrupt officials.

(2) Regular public hearings are conducted at the levels of Directors, Commissioners, Members and Vice-Chairman and the compaints of the public are sorted out.

(3) Allotment of flats is made by draw of lots through compu ter and wide publicity is given from time to time about the draws. Special drives have been conducted to clear the long pen ding cases of mutations, con version, etc. The policy relating to allotment of flats has been st reamlined, leaving little discre tion to the staff to make arbit rary decisions.

Rates of Penal Interest charged by Cooperative Group Housing Societies

630. SHRI LAKHI RAM AGARWAL: Will the Minister o*f* URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Cooperative Group Housing

Societies in Delhi are charging diff erent rates of penal interest on members for delay in payment of construction money.

(b) if so, what is the prescribed maximum rate of penal interest that can be charged as per Rules;

(c) whether Government are aware that cooperative group housing societies in Delhi are levying more penal interest than what is prescribed in the Rules; and

(d) if so, the remedial measures Government adopt to refund the excess penal interest to the members?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT "WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) Yes, Sir. Group Housing Societies are reportedly collecting interest from Members for failure to contribute towards cons truction cost in time The rate varies from society to society.

(b) to (d) The Delhi Cooperative Societies Act, 1972 and rules framed thereunder do not prescribe any rate of penal interest for delayed payments by the members of the So-iety. As such the question of the societies charging more penal interest than what is provided in the rules or the question of Government taking remedial measures does not arise.

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631. श्री महेश्वर सिंह : क्या शहर विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) हिमाचल प्रदेश के किन-किन शहरों के लिए राज्य सरकार ने वर्ष 1992-93 के दौरान मल व्यवस्था योजनाओं हेतु केन्द्रीय प्रदान करने का अनुरोध किया है ; और

(ख) प्रत्येक योजना के संदर्भ में सहायता के रूप में कितनी-कितनी धनराशि किन-किन शहरों को प्रदान की गई ?

शहरी विकास मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और जल संसाधन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्री पी०के० थुगन (क) हिमाचल प्रदेश सरकार न वर्ष 1992-93 के दौरान अपने किसी शहर की सीवरेज योजना हेतु केन्द्रीय सहायता के लिए अनुरोध नहीं किया है । शहरी क्षेत्रों म सीवरेज योजनाओं के लिए कोई केन्द्रीय सहायता नहीं है ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Surplus Land Identified under Urban Land Ceiling Act

632. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state;

(a) what is the extent of surplus land identified under Urban Land Ceiling Act;

(b) how much of it is surrendered to Government; and

(c) how much of it is distributed among the pool with details State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVE LOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WA TER RESOURCES (SHRI P K. THUNGON): (a) As per the informa tion furnished by the State Govts. UTs 2,17,870 hectares of land has been identified as excess vacant land.

(b) Out of this, 12,933 hectares of excess vacant land has been acquired under the Act by the State Govts./ UTs.

(c) The distribution of excess vac ant Land Ceiling Act is made by the State Govts.lUTs and as such this detailed information in this regard is not compiled by the Central Gov ernment.